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## JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED ON WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT

Establishment of a joint Soil Conservation Service and Fish and Wildlife Service committee to improve coordination of fish and wildlife conservation of watershed development was announced today by the Departments of Agriculture and Interior.

The committee will work chiefly on policies and procedures for handling fish and wildlife opportunities and problems associated with watershed projects administered by SCS in the Department of Agriculture. It will consider individual watershed projects only when points of differences on fish and wildlife aspects cannot be solved at the local level by field representatives of the two agencies. The committee will also review major fish and wildlife problems in proposed watershed projects before official views are forwarded from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture.

Clarence F. Pautzke, commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, Interior, has named the following staff members of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to the committee: James T. McBroom, assistant director, Technical Services; William M. White, chief, Division of River Basin Studies; and F. S. Henika, chief, Special Studies Section, Division of River Basin Studies.

D. A. William, Soil Conservation Service administrator, has named the following SCS staff members to the committee: Hollis R. Williams, deputy administrator for watersheds; John H. Wetzel, director, Watershed Planning Division; and Lawrence V. Compton, head biologist, Plant Technology Division.

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